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Tammy McEwen, associate professor of biology, received the Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching during Southwestern College Commencement exercises May 7. More Commencement coverage is on pages 6 and 7.

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# Confidence through Knowledge

On the afternoon of May 7<sup>th</sup>, it was my great honor and privilege to stand on stage, shake the hands of graduates crossing the stage, and hand them their diplomas. During the commencement ceremony, I saw in their faces many emotions – excitement, pride, relief, and gratitude. I also recognized in them a posture of confidence and poise. They leave Southwestern prepared to fulfill their purpose, to serve and engage the new communities they will call home. I am so proud of our students and their many accomplishments, to date and to come.

Our faculty deserve much of the credit for the growth and transformation that students experience at Southwestern, faculty like Dr. Tammy McEwen, associate professor of biology (pictured on the cover). At commencement Dr. McEwen was recognized as the recipient of the 2017 Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching. In her speech, she shared that she had not taken the traditional path through college. She pursued her postgraduate education later in life because she had always had a dream of teaching at a small liberal arts college. During her speech Dr. McEwen said, “I decided this dream was worth the time, the effort, and the risk because I did not want to wake up one day, when it was too late, and regret never having tried. I tried, and I succeeded, and here I am with you today.”

Hard work, sacrifice, and dedication to purpose led Dr. McEwen to Southwestern. Indeed, her risk to change careers and follow her calling has succeeded – that truth is evident in every student she teaches. Her devotion to guiding and teaching students is a testament to the college's mission. Dr. McEwen, like the rest of our faculty, is driven to create real opportunities for learning and to help students achieve their full potential.

Kayla Demel and Aidan Goodrich, two members of the Class of 2017, demonstrate that same type of commitment. This is what is so special about the Southwestern College experience; as you will read in feature stories about Kayla and Aidan on page 7, they demonstrate ingenuity, dedication, and persistence. Their time at Southwestern has allowed them to articulate hopes and dreams, and has inspired in them a commitment to enrich the lives of others through service. Kayla and Aidan, along with the rest of the Class of 2017, embody what we all know to be the value and power of Southwestern College.

I hope as graduates shook my hand and took their diplomas, they recognized my expression of genuine and immense pride – a pride in our college and in our graduates.

Brad Andrews, *President*

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# President Andrews names two new vice presidents

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Ross Peterson-Veatch

Ross Peterson-Veatch will be vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, beginning his new duties July 1. President Brad Andrews announced the appointment in mid-May.

The new vice president will have responsibility for the academic vision and execution of academic programs at the college, including both the main campus and Professional Studies.

When former provost Andy Shepard accepted a position of college presidency in Georgia, Tracy Frederick was named interim provost and managed responsibilities of the office during the past year's national search to fill the position.

"I am so pleased to be chosen as Southwestern's new vice president for academic affairs," Peterson-Veatch says. "I am excited to join the Moundbuilder community and I look forward to working with faculty and administrators to continue Southwestern's strong traditions of student engagement and academic excellence."

Peterson-Veatch has served as interim vice president for academic affairs and academic dean at Goshen College (Ind.) since 2015. In that role he was responsible for providing leadership and oversight for all academic and student life programs and departments. He served Goshen previously as associate vice president for academic affairs, primarily focused on adult and graduate programs. Before that, as associate academic dean, his duties included service on the college team developing strategic academic priorities.

"Southwestern is a college with a clear focus on students and their

success and a commitment to developing students as leaders. I am honored and humbled to be able to be a part of those efforts and to help extend them to a growing student body both in Winfield and beyond," Peterson-Veatch adds.



Prior to his tenure at Goshen, Peterson-Veatch was a faculty member at Indiana University in the liberal arts and management program, and has also held faculty appointments at Earlham College, Goucher College, and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. From 2001 to 2007 he served Indiana University's Kelley School of Business as an instructional consultant focused on improvement of classroom teaching practice.

Peterson-Veatch received his bachelor's degree from Earlham College in Spanish and sociology/anthropology and holds master's and doctorate degrees in folklore from Indiana University. He has published numerous articles and book chapters on professional learning communities and other

topics. His academic interests include leadership studies, folklore, history of ethnography and Colonial Latin American literature.

"Dr. Peterson-Veatch has extensive experience providing academic and administrative leadership, and he consistently demonstrates a dedication to a student-centered liberal arts

education," Andrews says. "I look forward to partnering with Dr. Peterson-Veatch and am excited about the leadership and service he will provide Southwestern in the years to come."

Peterson-Veatch and his wife, Erika, plan to move to Winfield this summer along with their sons, Oscar and Arthur.

## ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT: Adam Jenkins

Adam Jenkins has been named vice president for enrollment management by President Brad Andrews and begins his duties July 1. Jenkins will be responsible for recruitment, admission, and financial aid on Southwestern College's main campus.

A native of Rugby, N.D., Jenkins has been in higher education admission roles for 10 years, and most recently was the director of admissions for Central Methodist University. His student recruitment career began at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., where he rose to the rank of lead travel admission representative. Jenkins served as interim director of admissions at Minnesota State University-Moorhead, and admissions director at Presentation College.

"Having spent the majority of my time in higher education working for private institutions, I know the kind of outcomes that follow when students are offered an opportunity to be engaged and are cared for through their entire college experience," Jenkins

says. "From the president throughout the campus, there are people who make a tremendous investment in the lives of students and I want to be a part of that work."

He adds, "The best things are not built alone, but together. Collaborating with the people at Southwestern and working to promote an institution I believe can make a significant difference

in the lives of students, is the foundation for building something great. Everyone I've met and had the opportunity to talk with at Southwestern confirmed to me that there is a real commitment to continuing to build toward a bright future. I could not be more excited to

share in a part of that future."

Jenkins' bachelor's (English) and master's (business administration) degrees are from the University of Mary.

In addition to his admission experience, the new vice president has been an adjunct faculty teaching art and served as a grant writer at the University of Mary.



# Interim provost reflects on year of moving ahead

BY TRACY FREDERICK

As an undergraduate in a large public institution I was assigned to research Southwestern's history of grassroots student engagement. I had no idea who Southwestern was, and I certainly did not realize the ability of a small liberal arts education to empower and challenge faculty and students to become their best selves together. But I learned that this is the unique purpose of institutions such as Southwestern.

In 2016, when President Andrews asked me to serve as the interim provost, my commitment to Southwestern and the purpose of a liberal arts education compelled me to accept. This interim position was created to allow for a smooth transition through the Higher Learning Commission's accreditation visit, and to provide space to consider the best academic structure for the mission and future academic

vision of the college.

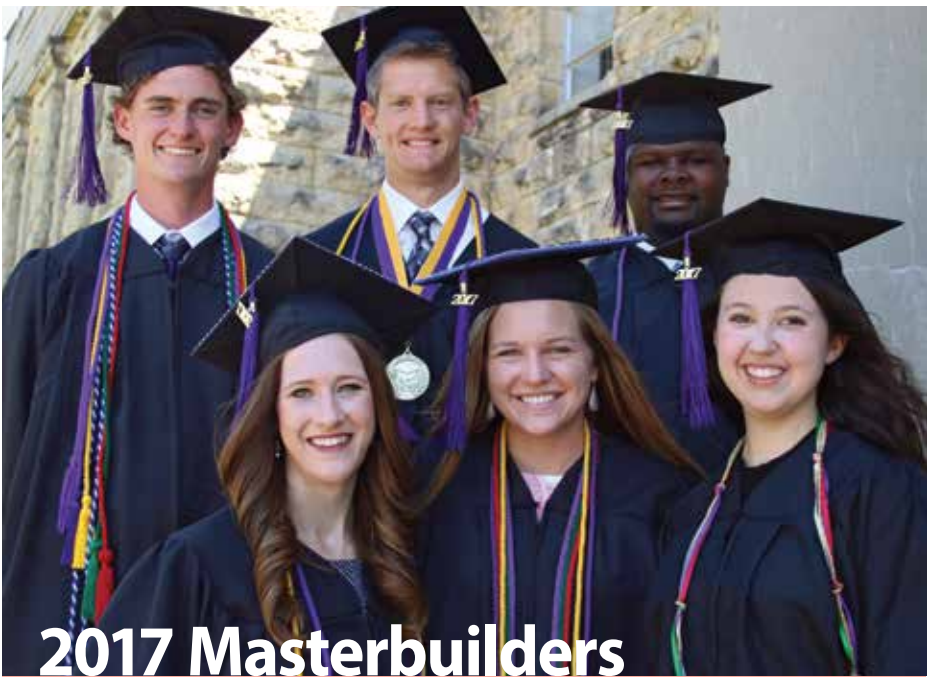
At a time in which many institutions are facing accreditation worries, we successfully navigated the accreditation visit. The site visit team left with confidence that the college is moving forward in a positive direction. Their recommendation to reaccredit the college was reflected in a report that expressed trust in the new academic affairs administrative structure and the president's strategic plan.

Significant progress has been made in the evolution toward our new academic structure that reflects this momentum. We anticipate the July 1 arrival of Dr. Ross Peterson-Veatch, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. We have launched national searches for two associate vice presidents – one for Professional Studies and online learning and one for academic affairs administration – and look forward to having these positions filled before

the new academic year. My energies continue to focus on setting our new academic leadership up for success.

I am confident Southwestern is well positioned to move forward while

sustaining a promise to provide students with a great education that empowers them to fulfill their purpose. Our calling is powerful, and worthy of all of the hard work we do.



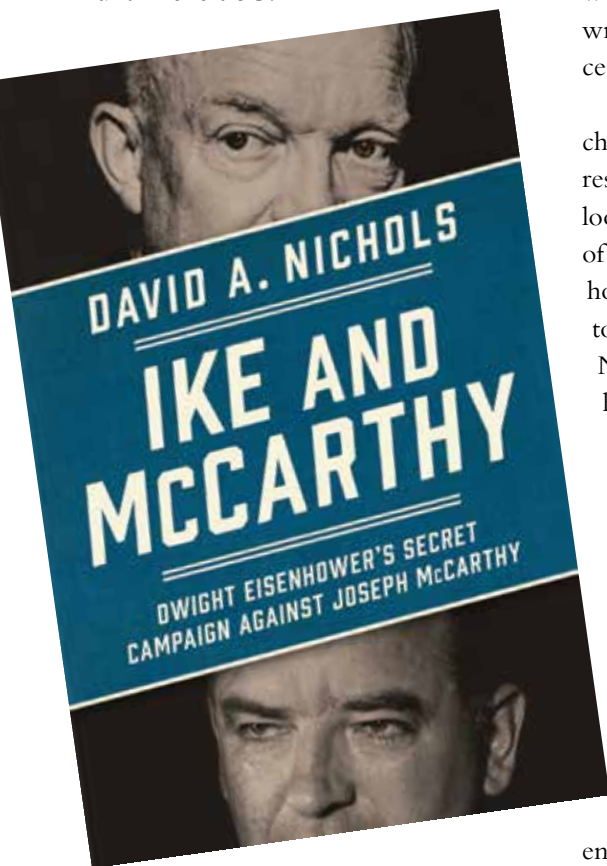
## 2017 Masterbuilders

(Left to right, front row) Abby Warnke, Wichita; Sadie Pfau, Ardmore, Okla.; Carlene Dick, Spivey; (back row) Aidan Goodrich, Independence; Seth Topham, Peabody; and LaRide Conerly, McKinney, Texas.



# Nichols' second career leads to national acclaim

For a quarter of a century the college needed David Nichols to serve in a progression of roles. Though he considered opportunities elsewhere he was compelled to stay at SC. He taught economics, headed the business department, led institutional advancement, and finally was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college before he retired in 2003. And still, he says, he didn't find out what he was really good at until he left SC.



Today Nichols is a nationally-recognized author who is being called the foremost scholar on the presidency of Dwight D. Eisenhower. His latest book, *Ike and McCarthy*, was released in March 2017 and

has been favorably reviewed by such media as the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, Atlantic Monthly, and the Dallas Morning News. It was called “a thrilling new history” by The Daily Beast.

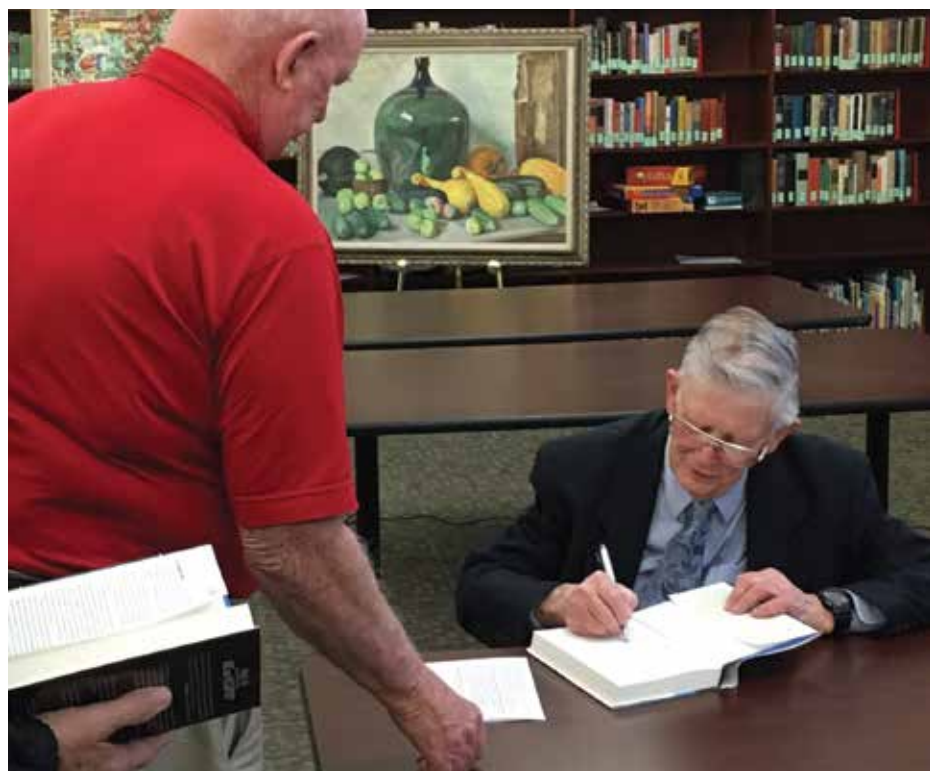
“I wasn’t going to play golf, and I needed something to do,” Nichols explains his late-life career as an author. Trained as a historian (his doctorate from College of William and Mary was in history), he told colleagues when he retired that he planned to write a book. Few predicted how successful he would be, though.

Abilene, he explains, was close and cheap so he decided to concentrate his research on the 34<sup>th</sup> president. Overlooked by East Coast scholars because of its out-of-the-way location, Eisenhower’s presidential library turned out to be a researcher’s treasure trove and Nichols reveled in the information he found.

An editor at Simon and Schuster took an interest in Nichols’ work, and in 2007 the respected publisher released *A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution*. This was followed in 2011 by *Eisenhower 1956: The President’s Year of Crisis – Suez and the Brink of War*.

Critics took note of the books, with the Christian Science Monitor calling *Year of Crisis* one of “seven history books worth checking out in 2011.”

With the publication of *Ike and McCarthy*, Nichols has taken his place as the nation’s foremost expert on the Eisenhower presidency. National



David Nichols signs copies of his latest book about Dwight Eisenhower during an event on the Southwestern campus April 27. The book has been favorably reviewed by major national media.

book tours, media interviews, and a second printing have followed its March 21 release.

“It’s the best written of the three books by far,” Nichols admits. “It’s not a who-done-it, it’s a how-done-it. It’s like a Sherlock Holmes mystery.”

At the center of the book is the fascinating general who became a president.

“Eisenhower was deceptive, almost to a fault,” Nichols says. “He appeared to be a bumbling grandfather in public but behind the scenes he was profane, ruthless, tough. When he finally went to war he could be lethal. He was both ethical and ruthless, which is a strange mixture.”

Now that Nichols has taken his

place as a leading presidential scholar, he looks back on the careers that came before, and the Southwestern influence that occurred during his student days even before these careers began.

“During that transformative (for me) 1956–60 period, I learned that I – this untutored farm kid – could be a lifelong learner. Since then, I have lived by the maxim: ‘A liberal arts education equips you to learn whatever you have to learn to do whatever you have to do,’” Nichols says. “That principle has informed my life right up to and including the new book.”

“I’m a teacher at heart,” he says, “but if I had only been a classroom teacher I wouldn’t have understood Eisenhower.”

## SC Enactus team grabs big win in national competition

In only its third year of existence, the Southwestern College Enactus team was named a top team in the nation during the 2017 Enactus USA National Recognition in Kansas City. Chosen for its involvement in managing the Moundbuilder Market, the team was presented the Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Challenge trophy and a \$10,000 cash prize to be used for chapter activities.

Team advisor Patrick Lee, professor of accounting, was with the group when SC’s name was announced as the top team.

“We were shocked,” he says. “We actually applied for this award last year, and that should have been our best shot since the Moundbuilder Market went from revenues of \$26,000 to more than double that the year we took it over.” Instead, last year SC finished behind three other teams.

To go from fourth to first in one year elated the team, one of the smaller groups in the Enactus world. With an average participation of about 20 students, it’s far smaller than some of the teams that have several hundred students.

Lee credited the college with giving the team the opportunity to manage the Moundbuilder Market, which sells Southwestern’s branded merchandise in a student center location and online.

“The school allowed us to do it regardless of the uncertainties,” he recalls. “The easier path would have been ‘let’s outsource it and collect a royalty for



the sales,’ but it wouldn’t have given our students the ability to learn how businesses run, and it’s meant more revenue coming back to the school, both to the Enactus group and for the school’s royalty.”

The market gives students a safe place to succeed but also to make non-catastrophic mistakes and learn from those experiences, Lee says. Students are not paid for working in the market but receive practicum credit, and store revenues help pay for participation in Enactus experiences. Here SC students are able to network, interview, and accept jobs with companies who appreciate the Enactus experience.

This is the kind of opportunity Lee and other Enactus faculty advisors (Jayna Bertholf, Kristen Pettey, James McEwen) emphasize when they talk to prospective students about the business program at Southwestern.

“It takes the right kind of students to do this, and the win helps because it makes our members realize ‘we can win, we can compete nationally,’” Lee points out. “For the team, grabbing first place with a top award allowed them to realize a greater confidence and pride in their work. There’s no longer any question if we can compete with the big schools – now we know we can beat them.”



# BUILDER ON A BIKE

## BOBBY SMITH TAKES ON THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND RALLIES SUPPORT FOR THE BUILDER FUND

*If you are a typical reader of the Southwesterner, right now you are relaxing in your air conditioned home, or in a coffee shop, or somewhere similarly comfortable.*

*Not Bobby Smith. At the moment this issue is delivered, this 1989 graduate is on his mountain bike in the Tour Divide, a self-supported ride along all 2,745 miles from north to south of the Continental Divide.*

*His goal is to complete the course in less than a month, and to raise funds for the Builder Fund along the way. He discussed the experience before he left.*

### WHY THIS CHALLENGE?

Ever since I learned how to ride a bicycle it has been an instrument of adventure, freedom, and happiness. As kids we would ride all over town. By the time college rolled around I was running two-a-days for Jim Helmer, going to Southwestern College full time, and working a part-time job at Ken's Pizza. It was at that time that the new fad of mountain biking was just beginning. Even as busy as my friends and I were, we needed an outlet, so we started building "fat bikes" (not today's version) out of old Schwinn frames and parts off of cruisers and street bikes. Not long after, heavy mountain bikes made in Taiwan were easily available for purchase.

We rode between classes, after practice, in the evenings, and weekends exploring Winfield and the area. It was like we were kids again, with the wind in our hair! The extra activity kept us entertained. It was a great complement to my endurance running, and I've been cycling and racing ever since.

Having ridden and raced all genres of cycling, I am first and foremost a mountain biker. The Tour Divide is the pinnacle of an off-pavement challenge where a mountain bike and "fat tire" is pretty much required equipment to succeed. Although the magnitude of the adventure requires utmost preparedness, the unknown aspects will reveal whether or not I am equipped mentally to complete this daunting task.

So why am I taking this challenge? Not only to see if I 'have what it takes,' but also for the invaluable experiences, memories, adventure, freedom, pain and laughs – and in many ways to simply see how the story unfolds. Furthermore, I am taking on this challenge to *enhance* my already blessed life, to *empower*

myself to go beyond my comfort zone, and *inspire* myself to grow in new and challenging ways.

Worth mentioning also is the fact that being outside in the sun and cycling is great therapy. Some of my clearest thoughts occur while riding. It is my hope that along the way I will inspire and empower others to challenge themselves to new experiences, thus enhancing their lives with a great outlet like cycling, if nothing more for the physical and mental health aspects. Most importantly, to add to the story of their life.

### WHAT IS THE TOUR DIVIDE?

The Tour Divide is a 2,745-mile self-supported off-pavement mountain bike race along the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route which runs through wilderness and small western communities, criss-crossing the Continental Divide more than 20 times. The race starts in Banff, Alberta, Canada, and finishes on the Mexican border in Antelope Wells, N.M.

Approximately 90% of the ride is unpaved and on roads and trails the average motorist would be wise to avoid. Total elevation change is nearly 200,000 feet and the highest point is around 12,000 feet.

The spirit of the ride is self-supported, meaning your friends and family cannot even meet you on the trail to say "Hi." That is considered a form of support. However, you can accept support from total strangers. These strangers who have been known to give riders water or food are referred to as Trail Angels and their help is called Trail Magic, a cool thing to experience. Phone calls of encouragement are acceptable and highly desired.

### WHAT WILL YOUR DAYS BE LIKE?

Each day I plan to get up with the sun, pack, and ride all day, sometimes finishing before dark and sometimes riding into the night if the weather is good. I really need to average at least 100 miles daily, with a goal of 110-120 per day. I will have approximately 30-40 pounds of supplies, sleeping gear, water, and food onboard, making my bike weigh around 50 pounds. I'll also be carrying bear spray and a bear bell. We ride right through grizzly, wolf, and mountain lion country!



Intervals between opportunities to resupply food and water are frequently 100 or more miles. I'll be carrying a micro water filtering system for emergencies. Camping along the route will occur pretty much anywhere, as well as designated campgrounds.

The Tour Divide is clearly a physical challenge, but more than that a mental one. "Eat, sleep, ride hard, and repeat!"

Due to work/vacation constraints I need to complete the race within a month. That time frame includes travel to the race and back, as well as riding time. Anything under 25 days and I will be ecstatic.

### WHY SUPPORT THE BUILDER FUND?

As a proud Builder and employee of almost 22 years, I am obviously fond of Southwestern College and appreciate what it has done for myself and so many people over the years. It's more than a place to get a diploma or that you are merely a statistic. It is where you build lifetime relationships, have opportunities one may otherwise not have, learn, challenge, and grow. I'm a believer in SC's mission to educate the next generation of students to think and live full and meaningful lives.

*Find links to a map where you can track Bobby's progress, make a gift to the Builder Fund, and learn more about the Tour Divide at [sckans.edu/BuilderOnABike](http://sckans.edu/BuilderOnABike). See Bobby's images from the ride on Instagram by searching #BuilderOnABike.*



## Builders: They're everywhere

Mountbuilders meet in the most unexpected places, as Kent Lundy '90 and Kevin Galo '14 discovered during the past year.

Chaplain (Maj.) Lundy, a member of the 122nd Fighter Wing of the Indiana Air National Guard, and Staff Sgt. Galo, an active duty U.S. Air Force Security Forces member from F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, were deployed to Eskan Village in Saudi Arabia from July 2016 to January 2017 as members of the 879th Expeditionary Security Forces squadron. Eskan Village is a United States Secretary of State Training Mission compound where approximately 1,000 military members and contractors live and work. The 879th provided the force protection for the entire compound.

"We did not know each other before we arrived," Lundy says. "We realized the connection one day when Kevin was talking with me about the incredible military-friendly college he was attending!"

Lundy earned his SC bachelor of arts in 1990, and Galo finished his criminal science degree from Professional Studies in 2014. In addition to his military duties Lundy is a full-time elder in the Indiana conference of the United Methodist Church, and as of July 1 will be senior pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

"And yes," Lundy adds, "we both deployed with our SC T-shirts."

**WEB FEATURE** To see the soldiers in their SC shirts, visit [sckans.edu/AlumniNews](http://sckans.edu/AlumniNews).





# Points of Pride

**T**he joy of accomplishment filled the sunlight-warmed air on a breezy May 7 as bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees were conferred at Commencement 2017. Videos and full photo galleries from the weekend's festivities can be viewed at [sckans.edu/commencement](http://sckans.edu/commencement). Congratulations to the Class of 2017.







## Awards

Announced at Commencement

Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke  
Award for Distinguished Teaching:  
**Tamara McEwen**

Valedictorian: **Seth Gregory Topham**

Salutatorian: **Savannah Joy Caro**

Fran Jabara Award: **Aidan Goodrich  
and Becky Gamez**



## Leaving SC better than she found it

**Kayla Demel** (below right) admits that she came to Southwestern to play basketball, but that decision opened the door to more than she ever expected.

“I saw upperclassmen getting involved, and I thought ‘I want to do that – I want to be an RA, and be involved in Builder camp, and in student government, and in things I’m passionate about.’”

During her freshman year, Kayla admits, she was mostly focused on basketball and hanging out with friends.

“School wasn’t the first thing on my mind all the time, but then I realized I was only in college for four years,” she says. “I had to be ready to make decisions, and decisions you make in college are going to affect you for the rest of your life.”

Seeing older students model the possibilities Southwestern offered turned into a whirlwind of activities for Demel, who graduated in May as SGA president, student ambassador, treasurer of the Athletic Training Society, and member of the Pre-Health Professionals organization. And she continued to play basketball – she was an NAIA Div. II scholar-athlete and participated in all 31 games during her senior season.

“I told (dean of students) Dan Falk in February that my main goal was to leave Southwestern better than I found it, and I think I did that,” she says.

Next up for Kayla is a position with Advanced Orthopedic Associates in Wichita, where she will be working with a surgeon as a physician extender and athletic trainer.



## Getting out of it what he put into it

It’s a rare Southwestern student who doesn’t hear the same advice **Aidan Goodrich** (above) heard as a new freshman: “You’re going to get out of it what you put into it,” someone told him.

It’s a rare student, though, who takes this advice as seriously as Goodrich. He graduated from SC in May with a biology degree. But in addition to the activities expected of a biology major (Beta Beta Beta, Pi Gamma Mu) he completed internships with Legacy Regional Community Foundation, SeaWorld Orlando, and the Georgia Aquarium. He was a member of the Leadership Team and was also elected a MasterBuilder.

“I was excited – I wanted to do things, challenge myself, learn about myself,” he says. “If there’s anything you’re passionate about, you’re going to put a lot of energy into it, and one thing led to another.”

When meeting with prospective students as an ambassador he shared that they were in for a special experience.

“I told them they were going to learn a lot about themselves, and other people, and the world, but they were also going to learn the spirit of service,” he says. “Our college is built on four pillars – knowledge, hope, courage, and freedom—but the fifth invisible pillar is service.”

Now Goodrich is working as a husbandry assistant in the animal training department of SeaWorld San Antonio, and spends his days observing killer whale calves, feeding sea otters, and caring for sea lions.

“It’s exactly what I was hoping it would be, and more,” he says – just like his Southwestern experience.







# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1950s

**Melvin and Charlotte (Anderson) '53 Lawrence's** 55th wedding anniversary was March 2. They were married at First Christian Church on Millington Street in Winfield and have lived in the New Salem community since 1954.

## 1960s

**Russell O. Vail '63** won the 300m race walk in the 75-79 age group at the Open and Masters Indoor Track and Field State Championships on March 12, 2017, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He also took third in the shot put.

**Preston and Jean (Miles) '67 Price** are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Chicago this summer. They have extended the invitation to many family and friends, including several SC alumni across the country.

## 1970s

**Danny Parker '71**, Winfield police chief since 2009, has announced his upcoming retirement. Parker began his career working for the Wichita Police Department in 1974. He retired from there in 1996 as a detective, having worked to help solve major crimes. He then taught at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center from 1996 until 2005, when he took a job as police chief in Concordia. Parker was in

Concordia for 3½ years before returning to Winfield. He plans to continue living in Winfield in his retirement.

**Dr. Randall L Duncan '77** has recently been inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE). AIMBE fellows represent the top two percent of the medical and biological engineering community and are charged to advocate and educate federal and state elected officials in biomedical research. Dr. Duncan is a 2010 member of the Southwestern Scholars Hall of Fame.

## 1980s

**Peggy Craig '80** was inducted in June into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame in Dodge City. She is one of six educators entering the 41st class of this hall.

**Carl Todd Herman '88** reports he is making a large career change. After almost 25 years in some level of engineering and engineering management, he has accepted a move to operations within CommScope as vice president of global operations with responsibility for factories in Ireland, Australia, and the U.S., along with matrix responsibilities in Mexico, the Czech Republic, China, Saudi Arabia, and India. He says this is "the next great adventure that will also result in the relocation to North Carolina later this year."

**Keitha (Green) Adams '89** has accepted the position of head women's basketball coach at Wichita State University. An Oxford native, Adams is leaving University of Texas – El Paso after 16 years as head coach to take over the Shocker program. UTEP is one of 10 programs nationally (Baylor, Chattanooga, FGCU, James Madison, Maryland, Notre Dame, South Carolina and UConn) to have won 29+ games at least three times prior to the 2016-17 season. All six Miner 20-plus win seasons were during Adams' tenure, including a school-record-tying 29 in 2015-16. She also has coached at Independence Community College, Winfield High School, and Belle Plaine High School. Keitha is a 2016 inductee into the Southwestern Athletic Hall of Fame.

## 1990s

**Brett Stone '91** is set once again to become the interim police chief for the City of Winfield, replacing the retiring **Danny Parker '71**.

**Charles Osen '94** has been selected by the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as the Sportscaster of the Year.

**Mike and Kendra Jarvis '95 '06** have opened a new business in Arkansas City. Mike's Bait & Tackle fulfills Mike's long-time dream to run a bait shop.

## 2000s

**Beth Barbiers '02** has qualified for Team USA in Track and Field in the 2017 Deaflympics held in Samsun, Turkey, July 18-30. After being invited to January Camp held in Chula Vista, Calif., she was selected to the United States Deaf Women's National Team (soccer).

**Annika (Billings) Graham '03** completed a Master of Arts in Teaching degree through Kansas State University with a 4.0. She has accepted a teaching position in first grade at Jardine Elementary School, a school that will focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics).

**Rachel (Wilder) Niehoff '05** was promoted from major gifts officer of corporations and foundations to deputy director of advancement at the National Portrait Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

## 2010s

**Jevyn Voss '14** has accepted a position as new client setup administrative assistant with Paycom in Oklahoma City.

## NOTES ON FRIENDS

**Steve McSpadden**, Southwestern emeritus trustee, has been elected to moderate the 60 churches of the PCUSA (Presbyterian Church.) He was installed on Feb. 11, 2017.

## SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE 2017 Halls of Fame

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**FINE ARTS  
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Janis Haynes and  
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Rodney Johannsen '73  
representing his college roommate,  
Ted S. Hresko '73;  
Bishop Richard B. Wilke; and  
Susan Macy representing her  
great-uncle, Roy L. Smith 1908.



**EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME** ▼ Chitra Harris '10;  
Joy (Weigle) Will '69; and DeAnne (Hastings) Heersche '84





# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

**Bill DeArmond**, professor of mass communication, has had several works published or accepted in the past few months. Stories published were “Wearing a Dead Man’s Bones” in *Diodatil*, “Certitude” by *The Voices Project*, and “The Phantom at the Bottom of the Well” in *Inwood Indiana*. Poem published were “Pixilating My Memory” in the first edition of *Tiny Tim’s Literary Review* and “The Optimist and Quid Pro Quo” by *Futures Trading*. Accepted for publication were two stories currently on the publishers’ websites, “The Old Man in the Tree” in *Children, Churches and Daddies* August 2017 and “The Walking Man” in *Children, Churches and Daddies* September 2017. (This final story was inspired by Michael Tessmer, professor of chemistry at Southwestern.) DeArmond received four honorable mention awards for stories to be published in *Kansas Voices 2017*: “The Policeman,” “The Last Chance Used Bookstore,” “Lessons from the Teacher,” and “Wendy’s Dream.”

**Jacob Goodson**, assistant professor of philosophy, presented two papers, in New Brunswick, N.J., at the “What Is Our Responsibility as Public Intellectuals?” conference: “Pity the Land That Needs a Hero: The Irrationality of Heroism in Badiou and Emerson,” and “Why Make Deep Reasonings Public? From Peirce’s Pragmatism to Habermas’s Theory of Communicative Reason.” Goodson also co-edited a book, *The Universe Is Indifferent: Theology, Philosophy, and Mad Men*, published by Cascade Books, and is author of a chapter in the book, “Zou Bisou Bisou: Feminist Theory and Sexual Ethics in ‘Mad Men.’” He is author of the chapter “Communicative Reason and Religious Faith in Secular and Post-Secular Contexts” in *The Oxford Handbook on Secularism*. Goodson also blurbed a book for the first time, an endorsement of David McCarthy and Kurt Blaugher’s *Saving the World and Healing the Soul: Heroism and Romance in Film*, published by Cascade Books.

**Sarah Hallinan**, assistant dean of students and director of resident life, earned her Doctorate of Education in Leadership in Higher Education from Baker University in December 2016 after successfully defending her dissertation, “Program Changes’ Effects

on Retention and Academic Success of First-Year Business Majors.”

**Brenda Hicks**, director of financial aid, was profiled as a Most Valuable Professional on the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators (NAFSAA) website. Read all about Hicks at [www.nasfaa.org/news-item/MVP\\_Brenda\\_Hicks](http://www.nasfaa.org/news-item/MVP_Brenda_Hicks).

**Jeremy Kirk**, assistant professor of music, had two articles published through Black Swamp Percussion—“Orchestral Interpretation Considerations for Snare Drum” and “A Practical Approach to Tambourine for Band and Orchestra Directors.” Kirk also made a presentation at the Kansas Music Educators Association in-service workshop – “StraightFOURward: A Practical Approach to Four-Mallet Technique,” and has a composition in press, “7/z en,” a seven-movement multiple percussion solo. He has been selected to present at the 2017 Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Indianapolis in November – “Creating a Paperless Studio: Tech Tools for Percussion Education.”

**Vaine Lutz**, financial aid advisor in Professional Studies, received her Master of Business Administration degree from Friends University in May.

**Kapuanani Johnson**, affiliate psychology faculty in Professional Studies, was elected a trustee of the Board of Education for the Borrego Springs (Calif.) Unified School District.

**Matt O’Brien**, head basketball coach, is author of “How to Get Your Team Focused on Academics,” an article in the fall edition of the official news magazine of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. O’Brien also has been selected as the head coach by STUDENTathleteWorld to represent the United States in the United World Games, an international competition to be held in Germany, Austria, and Italy June 20-27, 2017.

**Fawzia Reza**, affiliate education faculty in Professional Studies, presented at the ACEI conference held in April 2017 in Washington, D.C. The topic was “Building Bridges for Girls’ Education in Pakistan: Challenges and Recommendations.”

**Timothy Shook**, professor of music and chair of performing arts, assumed



## Next generation of education leadership

Southwestern College senior **Karrie McNutt**, Winfield, has been elected president of the Kansas National Education Association Student Program (KNEA-SP). Her duties will include organizing two major KNEA events, one in the fall of 2017 and one in the spring of 2018. The spring event will include a service project normally done in the hometown of the current president. “Teaching has truly become my passion and I can’t imagine serving my future profession in any other way,” McNutt says. “As KNEA-SP president, I look forward to using my leadership skills to help teach my peers how we can make a difference in our Kansas public schools as college students, but more importantly, as we enter the education profession as teachers.” McNutt adds that the KNEA Student Program Spring Representative Assembly will take place at Southwestern College in April.

leadership as the chair of the Music Teachers National Association certification program at the 2017 MTNA Conference in Baltimore in March. He will hold that position for two years. The 22,000 members of MTNA have the opportunity to add to their credentials through the certification program. This program exists to improve the level of professionalism within the field of music teaching. Certification helps readily identify competent music teachers within the community and provides these teachers with prestige and recognition for teaching excellence. The program recognizes excellence in teaching through evaluation of portfolios, philosophical essays, nuts-and-bolts writing and video teaching demonstrations. Shook leads the MTNA board and National Certification Commission (seven members representing their divisions) to set goals and refine the system. At the national conference each year Shook designs and conducts an intensive training for the MTNA certification evaluators.

**Stacy Sparks**, associate professor of journalism, was elected to a two-year term as president of Kansas Collegiate Media, the state organization for student media advisers and student journalists.

**Pamela S. Thompson**, Professional Studies Writing Center consultant,

wrote and edited the exhibition catalogue covering Arthur S. Covey’s art and life, and delivered a series of talks about Covey, who was inducted into the SC Fine Arts Hall of Fame posthumously in April. Thompson was part of the art exhibition team that trained a dozen docents to guide tours of the exhibit on display at four venues around campus from April 20 to May 15, 2017.

**Stephen Woodburn**, professor of history, presented the paper “Konstantin Tolstoi’s Pre-Revolutionary Analysis of Post-Revolutionary Society” at the Southern Conference of Slavic Studies in Alexandria, Va., on April 7, 2017. SC alumnus and Scholars Hall of Fame inductee **Rex Wade ’58** gave the keynote address, “1917: Fifty Years Studying 100 Years Ago,” commemorating the hundredth anniversary year of the Russian Revolution. Wade retired from George Mason University last year and is currently University Professor, emeritus.

## BIRTHS

A son, Jackson Parker, born Sept. 21, 2016, to **Jeremy and Missy (McClening) Blanchard ’03 ’02**.

A son, William Barrett, born Jan. 5, 2017, to **William and Chasity (Osen) Abernathy ’12 ’12**, Burden.



## National champion

**Taylor Needham** stood on top of the podium May 27 as NAIA national champion in the 400-meter hurdles. The Cheney, Kan., native finished the race with a time of 59.92. A junior, Needham also was named an All-American and a Daktronic-NAIA Track and Field Scholar-Athlete.

Three Builders placed in the national meet at Gulf Shores, Ala. Jersey Boydston finished 10th in the marathon, and Bailey Collier seventh in the high jump.

Needham was involved in three of the four records SC team members set at the KCAC meet. She set the records for the 400-meter dash (breaking a 32-year record), the 400-meter hurdles, and was the anchor in the 4x400 meter relay.



**Betty “Jean” (Dilworth) Warren ’43** died July 26, 2016. She was 94. A renowned musician in college, after graduation she moved to Pueblo, Colo., where she met Jack Warren. They were married six weeks later, and both taught in California public schools until their retirement. She is survived by three of her four children and by five grandchildren.

**Helen L. (Farrar) Murray ’46**, died May 14, 2017. During her time at Southwestern she studied Bible and religion, and met and later married **Rev. Henry H. Murray ’43**. Helen was an active United Methodist, teaching Sunday school and music programs for many years. After retirement she and Henry stayed in Newton, Kan. She is survived by her children, Nancy (Murray) Mulholland; **Harold and Nancy (Cockrum) Murray ’70 ’72**; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorials may be given to the Henry and Helen Murray Scholarship at Southwestern College, care of Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation, 100 E 1st Ave., Hutchinson, KS 67501.

**Mary Weigle ’46** died on March 29, 2017. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, **Lyman ’49**; her son, **Brad ’72**; her daughter **Joy (Weigle) Will ’69**; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Loren Alexander ’51** died Jan. 7, 2017, at age 86. Loren taught vocal and instrumental music for many years before pursuing his dream of teaching German. He joined the faculty at Kansas State University in 1965, teaching German and World Language Education until he retired in 1995. Loren was preceded in death by his parents including **Rev. Marion Alexander ’26**. He is survived by his wife of 65 years **Donna Lee (Fall) ’53**; three daughters including **Lori Borger ’76 (Bill ’74)**, and **Keri Crask ’82**; two brothers including **Ernest ’58**; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**Richard Deatricks ’54** died Dec. 31, 2016. A life-long musician, he taught music for 34 years and was a member of Kansas Music Educators Association. He is survived by his wife, Clarendene; his mother; two daughters; a son; and six grandchildren.

**David Cutter ’67** died Feb. 13, 2017, at his home in Garden City. He is survived by his wife, Janice; two daughters; a sister **Florence (Cutter) Metcalf ’63** and brother-in-law **Ted Metcalf ’64**; and five grandchildren.

**Susan Jane “Janie” (Gibson) Lewis ’69** died unexpectedly on March 1, 2017. Janie met her husband, **James “Jimbo” Lewis ’74** in 1966 at Southwestern College. Their first date, 50 years ago last fall, was at Janie’s parents’ home, where they watched a National Geographic documentary assigned for school. For 42 years, Janie worked at the clinic founded by her grandfather in 1906. She joined the Osteopathic Clinic (now Hillside Medical) as the clinic manager and lab technician in 1973 and retired in December 2015. Janie loved watching her girls grow up in the same house she did. She was preceded in death by parents **Dr. Richard and Betty Gibson ’35 ’35**. She is survived by her husband **James “Jimbo”**; two daughters, Molly Lewis Siegler and Emily Lewis Olafsen; twin brothers **Dr. Benn Gibson ’61** and **Dr. Don Gibson ’61**; and a sister, Judy Burke

**Steven Pyles ’72**, Littleton, Colo., died Nov. 30, 2016. Steven retired from a career with AT&T with 30 years of service. He is survived by his wife **Jimetta (Johnson) Pyles ’71**, a son and granddaughters.

**Timothy J. Carroll ’76** died June 10, 2016. A memorial service with military honors was offered. He is survived by his wife, Arlett, and many family members.

**Julie J. (Unruh) Toon ’90** died March 3, 2017. She was 50. Julie worked at H&R Block, Smith and Oaks, and Holy Name Catholic School. Julie worked at the school for more than 10 years and loved her job. Julie loved coaching volleyball, basketball, and softball, and enjoyed watching college sports. Faith and family were the most important things in Julie’s life. Surviving are her husband, Tim; seven children; and one granddaughter.

**Joey Christine (Stout) Tatro ’08**, Hutchinson, died Feb. 7, 2017, at age 45. She was a mental health director for eight years at Horizons Mental Health Center in Hutchinson. She is survived by her husband of 20 years, **Matthew ’12**; two daughters; and four grandchildren.

**Peter J. Chevalier ’10**, chief master sergeant, USAF (ret.), died Aug. 3,



**Outstanding faculty and staff were honored April 7.** Awards were presented to (left to right) Locke Schnelle, Fassnacht Outstanding Administrator/Staff (Campus); Brian Winnie, United Methodist Exemplary Teacher; Jackson Lashier, SGA faculty citation; Dennis Russell, Fassnacht Outstanding Administrator/Staff Award (PS); and Larry Schuster, SGA staff citation. The Fassnacht Outstanding Faculty Award went to Ed Loeb (not pictured).



**WEB FEATURE** Watch the video of the Kansas Supreme Court Special Session at [YouTube.com/SouthwesternBuilders](https://www.youtube.com/SouthwesternBuilders).

Richardson Performing Arts Center was nearly filled as the Kansas Supreme Court met in session on campus March 30. The spring also saw a March 2 Docking Lecture presented by best-selling author and CNN commentator Jeffrey Toobin, whose lecture on the Supreme Court was followed by an informal session moderated by political science faculty member Chris Barker.

2016, in Orlando, Fla., after a courageous battle with cancer. Peter had a distinguished 30-year military career that involved him in extraordinary assignments. He took pride in being a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner. He had a talent for acting and was a member of the Screen Actors Guild. He is survived by his wife, Sheri; two sons; a daughter; and two grandchildren.

### IN MEMORIAM OF FRIENDS

**Norma Lee (Stone) Cox**, longtime friend and employee of Southwestern, died Jan. 25, 2017. Norma faithfully served the college for more than 40 years, becoming known as “the cookie lady” by bringing fresh-baked cookies to the offices every Thursday. A brick was placed at the Mound bearing the cookie lady moniker in 2010. She is survived by two children, three grand-

daughters, five great-granddaughters and one great-grandson.

**Delbert D. Graham**, Winfield, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, at Cumberland Village. Delbert was a long-time friend of Southwestern.

**Cynthia “Cindy” Kelly** died April 25, 2017. She is survived by her husband, **John ’84**, and many family members.

**Nancy Alyce Miller**, Winfield, died March 7, 2017, at her home. She and her late husband, Ralph, were longtime friends of Southwestern. Nancy was a noted local teacher who was at Winfield High School from 1970 until her retirement in 1998. She is survived by a son, a daughter, and her grandchildren.

**Dr. John Peakes**, noted theatre director and actor, died Jan. 26, 2017. He is survived by his wife, **Judith (Livengood) ’65**.

**Michael R. Schadegg** died Feb. 24, 2017. He is survived by his wife, **Paulette (Jones) ’77**.

**Janet “Dee” Ruthenberg** died March 5, 2017. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Donald B. Ruthenberg, who served as Southwestern College president from 1972 to 1980. Also surviving are five children, including **Donnell Sutherland ’80** and **Charlene Engleking ’81**; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister.

**J. Alton Templin**, beloved former Southwestern professor of religion, died Feb. 1, 2017, at his Denver residence. Dr. Templin taught many religion courses at SC in the 1950s.

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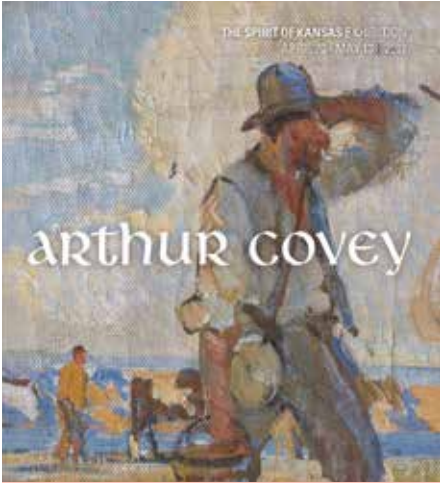
**Notes from the Dole Center**  
DeAnn Dockery, Vice President for  
Institutional Advancement

**I love the arts.** Along with pure enjoyment, the visual and performing arts can invoke deep feelings, challenge and inspire. I find that even art that isn't my cup of tea can often be admired for the sheer talent of the artist or the willingness to put oneself out there for all to see.

The exhibition of highlights of the Arthur Covey collection this spring was a joy for me. I have admired individual pieces in the collection, but to see it all together and understand the magnitude of the work was incredible.

It seems to me that the same can be said about graduation. These individuals, who have spent the last four years on campus or furthered themselves through graduate or Professional Studies, gather as one. We see them together, each with unique gifts and abilities, and the magnitude of all they have done and all they will do is inspiring.

At Southwestern, they have built a strong foundation. I am confident that in the years to come, we will have many reasons to be proud of our most recent alumni.



Copies of the catalog from the Arthur Covey exhibit are available for purchase from the Office of Institutional Advancement. Call (620) 229-6288 for information.

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| <b>1967 Reunion</b><br>Dean Angeles<br>Jim Christie<br>Ron Haynes<br>Judy (Martin) Haynes<br>Mark Pittman | <b>1977 Reunion</b><br>Diana Neely             | <b>1997 Reunion</b><br>Angela Mayorga May     | Molly (Komlofske) Just<br>Chandler Kirkhart<br>Jenn (Hendrixson) Kirkhart |
|                                                                                                           | <b>1982 Reunion</b><br>Ronda Rivers-Stone      | <b>2002 Reunion</b><br>Lisa (Reynolds) Kuchar |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                           | <b>1987 Reunion</b><br>Sheryl (Johannes) Trask | <b>2007 Reunion</b><br>Robyn (Crosby) McKown  |                                                                           |





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